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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

WASHINGTON

29 November 1951

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6/26/03

General Walter B. Smith
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

I am of the opinion that we should examine additional projects for Board consideration.

I would suggest that the first item be Plan [redacted] Mr. Allen Dulles advises that in the judgment of CIA presently available intelligence is adequate to implement certain aspects of this plan and recommends that the Psychological Strategy Board assume jurisdiction. Certain final planning needs to be done as intelligence becomes available.

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I also suggest that the Board consider a psychological operations plan surrounding [redacted]

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A third undertaking would be a plan for courses of action to be followed in the event that the USSR decided to bring about a substantial relaxation of world tensions in order falsely to convince the people of the free world that it has renounced intentions of further aggression and is looking only to peaceful existence. Such a decision on the part of the USSR might be carried out through major political, military and economic actions, as well as through propaganda which would give the appearance of reality. For example, it might involve the withdrawal of troops from East Germany and the satellites, meeting Western terms in Korea, a public statement that the Cominform had been abolished, and even an agreement to accept "inspection" in disarmament.

Finally, since it appears desirable that we have a psychological operations plan to assure the continued orientation [redacted] toward the West and since the State Department is believed to be prepared to

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undertake the preparation of such a plan, I ask that the Board consider the question of requesting the Department of State to initiate this undertaking as a matter of priority.

I would appreciate your reaction to these proposals.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]
Director

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